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Subject: Permit Change to Include Lease Modification, Task # 3294, West Ridge Resources Inc.,
West Ridge Mine, C/007/0041

Dear Mr. Shaver:

The Division has reviewed your application to include the modification of lease # UTU-78562 to the permit.

The Division has determined that there are some deficiencies that must be addressed before a determination can be made that the requirements of the R645 Coal Mining Rules have been met, and an approval can be granted. Those deficiencies are listed as an attachment to this letter.

Each deficiency identifies its author by that author's initials in parentheses, such that your staff can directly communicate with that individual should any questions arise relative to the preparation of West Ridge Resource's response to that particular deficiency.

The plans as submitted are denied. Please resubmit the entire application *with confidential information submitted separately and marked*. If you have any questions, please contact myself or Ingrid Wieser at (801)-538-5318.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

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cc: Price Field Office
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Deficiency List
Task No. 3294
Permit Change to Include Lease Modification

The members of the review team include the following individuals:

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R645-301-140 and R645-301-320: Vegetation information needs to be included over the entire permit area as shown on Map 3-1. [**IW**]

R645-301-113: Please update the violation information located in Appendix 1-2 [**IW**]

R645-301-130: Please provide all technical information including the date the information was gathered and the person responsible for the cultural resource file search and other surveys. [**IW**]

R645-301-140: Map 1-0 should be updated to reflect the current acreage value of the permit area listed at the bottom of the map. Map 3-1 needs to include vegetation communities over the entire permit area. [**IW**]

R645-301-411: Please clarify the eligibility of site 42CB-317 for listing in the National Register of Historic Sites. The site is located in a potential subsidence zone and may be eligible according to the file search performed by Senco-Phenix. [**IW**]

R645-301-320: Include and incorporate the baseline infrared photographs of the old and proposed new permit area mentioned on page 3-8 of the MRP. [**IW**]